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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

Please take this bill seriously and expand the scope of practice for ND's. Being a newcomer from Europe and South Africa I was dismayed to find that the healthcare system here was complicated, antiquated and difficult to navigate.

I have a highly competent and excellent ND who has never misdiagnosed, been unethical or mistreated me in any way. Please do the right thing and bring the state of a changing modern healthcare system up to speed in 2014 where MD's and ND's can work together for the good of the patient, instead of having us run around for prescriptions to medicines, MRI's etc to complete our health care.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Zoe Macerollo